

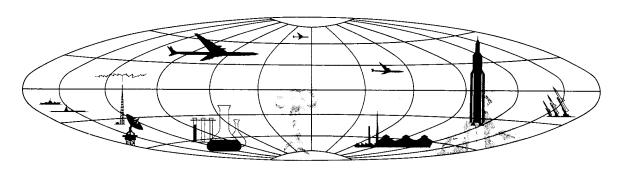
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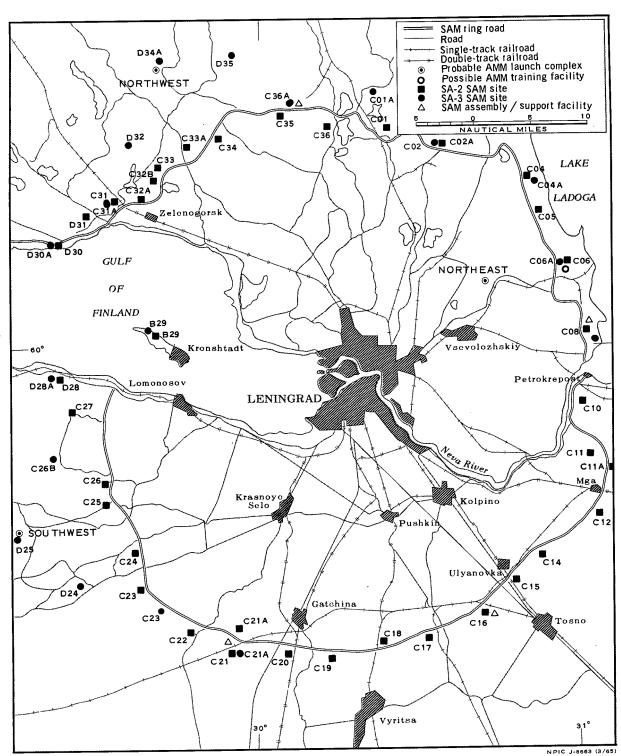
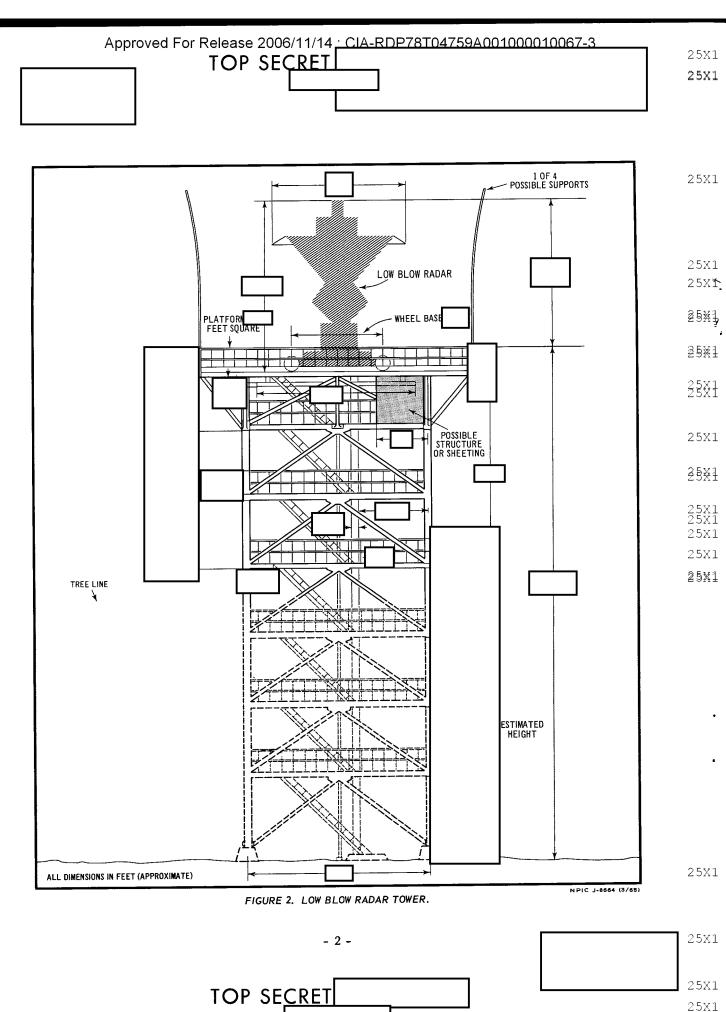


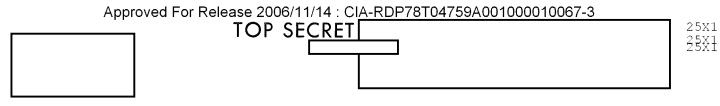
FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF LENINGRAD SAM SITE B29-3.

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This report has been prepared in response	guardrail. The height as determined from
to CIA requirement C-SI4-82,098, requesting	photography from by the shadow
drawings and mensuration of 2 radar towers,	method confirms this height to within
one with a LOW BLOW and the other with a FLAT	The platforms of both towers are
FACE radar, at Leningrad SAM Site B29-3	above the ground and approximately above
located at 60-01-20N 29-41-	tree level. The height above tree level of
30E, Figure 1), as covered by small-format	course varies with tree height; however, both
photography of	tower platforms are well above the surrounding
Figures 2 and 3 present detailed drawings	trees. The top of the LOW BLOW radar is
of the towers, which are similar lattice towers	above ground level and approximately
with platforms on top and are located 600 feet	above tree level, and the top of the FLAT
apart.	FACE radar is above ground level and
	approximately above tree level.
	Each tower has a guardrail completely en-
	closing the platform and guardrails around the
	first 2 sections below the platform; however,
	on the third section below the platform and
	possibly on the rest of the lower sections,
	guardrails appear only on the side near the
	stairs and do not completely enclose the section.
	Although the LOW BLOW and FLAT FACE
	towers are similarly constructed and have the same dimensions, they differ in some respects.
Both towers have the same dimensions.	The LOW BLOW tower has 4 possible supports,
The latticed portions are and the	1 located on each corner of the platform. These
platforms are Three complete	supports are slightly higher than the radar and
"levels" or sections of each tower can be seen	will possibly be used to support netting, sheeting,
above the trees; the top section is from	or some form of windbreak or weather pro-
the bottom of the platform to the first major	tection. The LOW BLOW tower also has a possi-
crossmember below it, and the other 2 visible	ble structure or sheeting enclosing
sections are each high. Although the	1 corner of the top section of the tower; the pos-
bottom portion of the tower is obscured by	sible purpose of this enclosed corner cannot be
surrounding trees, it was determined that a total	determined. The FLAT FACE tower has neither
of six sections would be required to	the possible supports at the corners of the plat-
reach approximate ground level from the top	form nor the enclosed corner of the top section.
section of the tower. It was also assumed that	The LOW BLOW radar tower also has an uniden-
the tower had footings ligh. The heights	tified long, narrow object, approximately
of the six sections, added to the as-	attached to the bottom of the platform
sumed footing height, the of the top sec-	directly below the radar. The FLAT FACE
tion, and the height of the guardrail	tower does not have such an object. The FLAT
on the platform give a total tower height of	FACE tower does have what appear to be triangu-
from approximate ground level to	lar "plates" or a solid triangular mass on either

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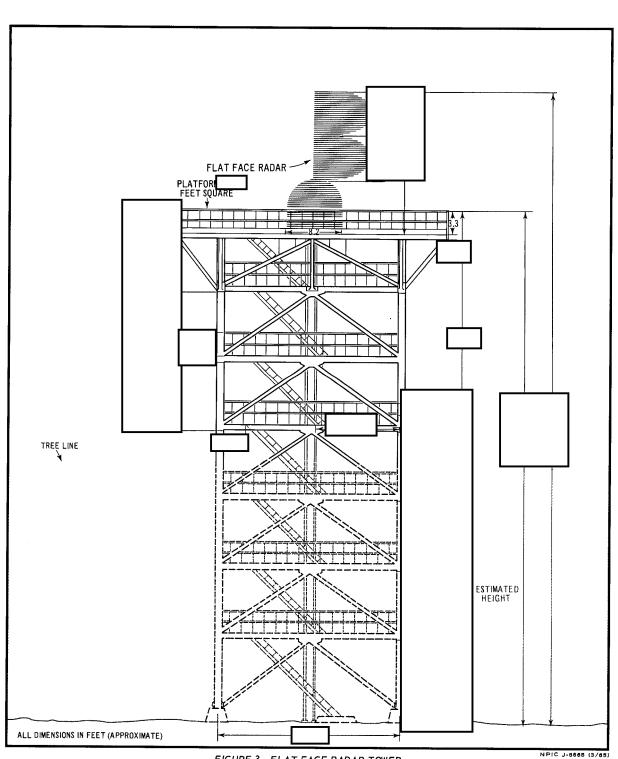


FIGURE 3. FLAT FACE RADAR TOWER.

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FIGURE 4. LOW BLOW RADAR TOWER,

FIGURE 5. FLAT FACE RADAR TOWER,

side of the central point where the angled support beams join the bottom of the platform; these triangular plates give a "bow tie" appearance to this portion of the top section of the tower. Both towers have 2 possible cables or cable conduits which appear to drop down from the platforms and through the centers of the

towers and probably connect the radars with their associated ground-located equipment. The cables or conduits at the FLAT FACE tower both have small diameters. The larger of the LOW BLOW tower cables or conduits in diameter.

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